

Attachment B

Letters from Consulting Agencies



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Mr. Kurt R. Campbell, Supervisor
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Moses Lake Field Office
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Dear Mr. Campbell:

**HANFORD SITE SOLID (RADIOACTIVE AND HAZARDOUS) WASTE PROGRAM
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), for the management and disposition of radioactive and hazardous solid waste at the Hanford Site, near Richland, Washington. In compliance with the Endangered Species Act, the EIS will contain an analysis of the proposed action as it relates to listed and proposed, threatened, and endangered species.

In support of the preparation of this EIS, the RL requests the USFWS provide a current list of species that may be affected by the proposed action. The analysis of potential affects will be facilitated, if information about the specific location and/or distribution of each species can be provided, rather than a generic Hanford Site list.

Activities covered by the EIS are likely to occur throughout Benton County, Washington portion of the Hanford Site, including areas near the Columbia River. However, no actions are anticipated to occur on the Fitzner-Eberhart Arid Lands Ecology Reserve. Township and Ranges where the activities are likely to occur include:

Township	Range
10N	28E
11N	27E, 28E
12N	25E, 26E, 27E, 28E
13N	24E, 25E, 26E, 27E
14N	26E, 27E

If you have any questions, please contact Dana Ward, of my staff, on (509) 372-1261.

Sincerely,

James E. Rasmussen, Director
Environmental Assurance, Permits,
and Policy

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cc: Mike Sackschewsky, PNNL



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Mr. Dennis Carlson
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National Marine Fisheries Service
510 Desmond Dr. SE, Suite 103
Lacey, Washington 98503

Dear Mr. Carlson:

**HANFORD SITE SOLID (RADIOACTIVE AND HAZARDOUS) WASTE PROGRAM
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is preparing an EIS for the management and disposition of radioactive and hazardous solid waste at the Hanford Site near Richland, Washington. In compliance with the Endangered Species Act, the EIS will contain an analysis of the proposed action as it relates to listed and proposed, threatened, and endangered species.

In support of the preparation of this EIS, DOE requests the National Marine Fisheries Service provide a current list of species that may be affected by the proposed action. Activities covered by the EIS may impact areas near the Columbia River between River Mile 342 and River Mile 392.

If you have any questions regarding this request please contact Dana Ward, of my staff, on (509) 372-1261.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven H. Wisness", is placed above the printed name.

Steven H. Wisness, Director
Office of Site Services

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Response to DOE consultation letter to the National Marine Fisheries Service was received via telephone on Friday, April 26, 2002. Dennis Carlson of that agency indicated the currently listed species could be obtained from

<http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/1habcon/habweb/listnwr.htm>.

The following list was reproduced from this Web site on April 29, 2002. The same Web site was visited again on March 20, 2003. There were no changes (additions or deletions) in the species, nor were there any changes in the associated run, evolutionary significant unit (ESU), or status as listed below.

Endangered, Threatened, Proposed, and Candidate Species under National Marine Fisheries Service Jurisdiction that Occur in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho

Listed Species

Coho Salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*)

- Southern Oregon/Northern California Coasts ESU (Threatened)
- Oregon Coast ESU (Threatened)

Chinook Salmon (*O. tshawytscha*)

- Snake River Fall-Run ESU (Threatened)
- Snake River Spring/Summer-Run ESU (Threatened)
- Puget Sound ESU (Threatened)
- Lower Columbia River ESU (Threatened)
- Upper Willamette River ESU (Threatened)
- Upper Columbia River Spring-Run ESU (Endangered)

Chum Salmon (*O. keta*)

- Hood Canal Summer-Run ESU (Threatened)
- Columbia River ESU (Threatened)

Sockeye Salmon (*O. nerka*)

- Snake River ESU (Endangered)
- Ozette Lake ESU (Threatened)

Steelhead (*O. mykiss*)

- Upper Columbia River ESU (Endangered)
- Snake River Basin ESU (Threatened)
- Lower Columbia River ESU (Threatened)
- Upper Willamette River ESU (Threatened)
- Middle Columbia River ESU (Threatened)

Sea-run Cutthroat Trout (*O. clarki clarki*)

- Umpqua River ESU (Endangered)

Proposed for Listing

Chinook Salmon

- Southern Oregon/Northern California Coastal ESU (Proposed Threatened)

Sea-run Cutthroat Trout

- Southwestern Washington/Columbia River ESU (Proposed Threatened)

Candidates for Listing

Coho Salmon

- Puget Sound/Straight of Georgia ESU
- Lower Columbia River/Southwest Washington ESU

Steelhead

- Klamath Mountains Province ESU
- Oregon Coast ESU

Sea-Run Cutthroat Trout

- Oregon Coast ESU

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)**

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In support of the preparation of this EIS, DOE requests that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provide a current list of species that may be affected by the proposed action.

Activities covered by the EIS are likely to occur throughout the Benton County, Washington, portion of the Hanford Site, including areas near the Columbia River. However, no actions are anticipated to occur on the Fitzner-Eberhart Arid Lands Ecology Reserve except in T12N R25E. Township and Ranges where the activities may occur include:

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14N	26E, 27E

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Sincerely,



Steven H. Wisness, Director
Office of Site Services

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cc: G. Hughes, USFWS

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